

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 175

H. P. 145

House of Representatives, January 27, 1977

Referred to Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Beaulieu of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

**AN ACT to Provide a Supplemental Appropriation for Instructional
Television.**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, funds are needed in order to continue instructional services after February 18, 1977; and

Whereas, schools within the WCBB-TV viewing area, approximately 50% of Maine's total school population, would not have access to this service for the remainder of the school year without the supplemental appropriation; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Appropriation for instructional television. There is appropriated from the General Fund the sum of \$42,094, in order to continue the instructional television programming, which is entirely state funded, on WCBB Public Television during the 2nd semester of the 1976-77 school year. The breakdown shall be as follows:

EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES,
DEPARTMENT OF

1976-77

Educational Television

All Other

\$42,094

Provides additional funding for WCBB
Public Television's instructional tele-
vision programming.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect February 18, 1977.

FISCAL NOTE

The cost of this Act to the State for the 1976-77 school year is \$42,094.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The cost to provide instructional television for a full school year is \$85,794. There is available for this purpose \$43,700.

WCBB-TV provides 625 hours, 30 school weeks, of broadcast television programming for all Maine schools and provides consulting services and supplemental materials to schools utilizing the service.

Unless additional funds are appropriated, this service will be discontinued after February 18, 1977.

This would mean that approximately 50% of Maine's total school population would not have access to this service for the remainder of the school year.